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Response To Restriction Requirement With Traverse

Dear Examiner Snow:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 12, 2004, wherein election was required between 13 species. The Examiner also indicated that no claims were generic.

Applicant provisionally elects species 1 (Figure 1) and states that claims 1, 4, 6-9, 17, 20, 23-25 and 33 are readable upon the elected species. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any withdrawn subject matter in this application or one or more subsequent applications claiming priority to this application.

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Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement as being inappropriate in that claims 1, 7, 8, 17, 23 and 24 are generic to all 13 species. Therefore, an extensive and burdensome search is not required.

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